

2-Day Public Health Seminar To Study Test ¹⁹⁶⁹

A two-day public health nursing workshop consisting of instruction and practice in the use of a new test to detect abnormal development in infants and small children is being conducted Thursday, July 17th and July 31st in the County Courthouse.

Public health nurses from Summit, Duchesne, Daggett, Uintah and Wasatch will participate under the direction of Mrs. Emily Zenger, Public Health Nurse, Wasatch County; Miss Echomae Anderson, State Nursing Consultant; Miss Carol Malbone, University of Utah College of Nursing.

Children from the local area will participate in the workshop for purpose of demonstration of the screening device as well as providing clinical experience for the nurses.

The new test is simple to administer and score and the children enjoy doing the interesting test items.

The new screening tool has been recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics, U. S. Public Health Service and the Utah State Department of Health.

Immunization for Smallpox Stressed by Dr. ¹⁹⁶⁹

Over 130 million of our population are inadequately protected against smallpox and the incidence of smallpox is on the rise overseas. This is a dangerous combination and unless these trends are reversed, A.M.A.'s Dr. R. L. White said the threat of smallpox is upon us with the arrival of every traveler from abroad.

A generation ago smallpox was something far away, behind the barriers of sea and time. However, today a jet passenger can contract smallpox in such a place as Nepal, where 5,000 persons were recently stricken and 1,000 died, and carry it to the United States, and around the world in a few short hours.

Smallpox is a threat at our doorstep. This is why medical groups are emphasizing the need for adequate protection and why Public Health Service officials have set up elaborate precautions to screen out all possible carriers. At John F. Kennedy International Airport alone, inspectors board 21,000 planes a year to check incoming passengers for telltale signs of smallpox.

Thanks to these inspection and quarantine measures, no smallpox outbreak has occurred here since 1947. However, Dr. White warns, "the absence of smallpox, while speaking well for disease prevention efforts, has led to complacency." With at least three-fourths of our population inadequately protected, a single invasion of smallpox could have epidemic potential. The danger is ever-present and adequate protection through vaccination or revaccination is indeed essential and available.

Only four Immunization Clinics remain: April 11th, April 25th, May 9th, and May 16th. These are from 12 to 1:30 p. m. at the Junior High School Auditorium.

Remember, clinic prices apply only at the clinic.

Smallpox vaccinations are due every five years.